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Notification of Arrival in U.S. Ports:
Partial Suspension of Regulation

The Coast Guard is suspending part of the Notification of Arrival requirement to electronically submit cargo manifest information (Customs Form 1302) to Customs and Border Protection.

On February 28, 2003, the Coast Guard published its "Notification of Arrival in US. Ports" in the Federal Register (68 FR 9537). This final rule permanently replaced the Coast Guard's temporary requirements for notification of arrival in U.S. ports, published in the Federal Register (66 FR 50565) on October 4, 2001, was in addition to the Customs' October 31, 2002 ruling requiring cargo information 24 hours prior to lading (67 FR 66318), and required the electronic submission of cargo manifest (Customs Form 1302) to Customs and Border Protection via the Automated Manifest System (AMS).

The cargo manifest submission requirement was established to capture electronically the information on cargo manifest from vessels that were not filing the information electronically with the Customs and Border Protection. While July 1, 2003 is the date for implementing the requirement, the Coast Guard, in consultation with Customs Border and Protection, has decided to suspend the July 1, 2003 implementation date, pending further Custom and Border Protection regulatory action under recent legislation, including the Trade Act of 2002, which should eliminate the need for this requirement in Coast Guard regulations. In that event, the Coast Guard would remove the suspended provisions from its regulation.

This suspension was published in the Federal Register (68 FR 27907) on May 22, 2003, became effective on May 22, 2003, and can be accessed at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/browse.html.

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